SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEK AT ST. LOUIS
(Daily Mass Schedule p.2)

MONDAY - JULY 31
6:30 am - Men’s Spirituality Group, Parish Mtg Hall

TUESDAY - AUGUST 1
7:30 am - Next Sunday’s Scriptures, PMH
12:30 pm - Bible and the Virgin Mary, PMH, p.8
7:00 pm - Bible and the Virgin Mary, PMH, p.8

WEDNESDAY - AUGUST 2
10:00 am - Mass at the Highlands Living Center
7:30 pm - Regional Charismatic Prayer Grp, PMH

THURSDAY - AUGUST 3
7:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration, Church

FRIDAY - AUGUST 4
11:30 am- 1:30pm - Exposition of Blessed Sacrament (please note special time)
1:00 pm - Mass at the Highlands Laurelwood

SATURDAY - AUGUST 5
3:30 pm - Confessions
4:30 pm - Mass (Sign Language Interpreted)
6:00 pm - Night at the Movies: Restless Heart: The Confessions of Augustine, PMH

SUNDAY - AUGUST 6
7:30 am - Mass
9:00 am - Mass, Baby Blessing followed by Reception in PMH, see p.3
10:00 am - Journey Through the Bible, Youth Rm, p.8
11:15 am - Mass
5:00 pm - Mass

A Listening Heart

Dreams can speak to us. In the first reading, God spoke to Solomon through a dream. The Lord promised to give the young king whatever he asked. So in the dream, Solomon asks for ‘an understanding heart’. Admirable! But even better is the literal translation, ‘a listening heart’. We could acquire a great deal of knowledge, be skilled in applying it, but still not have a listening heart. Knowledge can be at our fingertips. But wisdom springs from deeper inside. It requires listening. Lots of listening. We need to listen to our experience, our reactions, our conscience, to the quiet voice inside. Even more importantly, we need to listen to others, to their experience, to their conscience. We need to listen to the wisdom of the ages, to tradition, to the teaching of the church. Above all, we need to listen for the voice of God, speaking through all of the above. In two weeks we will hear about Elijah’s powerful experience; hearing God not in the wind, the storm, the earthquake, but in a tiny whispering sound that followed, after he had listened to all the other phenomena.

Listening – so easily said, so hard to do! It is easy to listen in order to formulate a response. We can listen for flaws in someone else’s thinking. Listen for things we can challenge. Listen for pieces we can work into our preconceived ideas. But to genuinely listen, with a listening heart, requires a temporary surrender of our point of view, in order to truly understand what the other is communicating; what they mean, what they are seeing, hearing or feeling in their world. That temporary surrender is not giving in, not a ‘throw up your hands surrender’. We don’t give up who we are or what we stand for, but we do have to empty ourselves if ever so briefly. It is a hard won surrendering, like Jesus emptying himself, as St. Paul so eloquently names it in his letter to the Philippians.

In the Gospel, we hear that: ‘every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household, who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old.’ Without truly listening with a listening heart, the natural tendency is just to bring out of the storeroom the old; the familiar, what we know, that with which we are comfortable. Or, if we tend to be attracted to novelty, we may gravitate to the new, failing to value priceless old things that are still needed and important. A listening heart can discern which is needed in any given circumstance, the new or the old, is at peace with and can appropriately value both, and can even adapt the old to new situations, as Jesus did with Old Testament teachings, and as Matthew did in applying Jesus’ parables to the circumstances and needs of his community. May we all gain a listening heart, and wisdom! Peace, Fr. Bob
Mass Intentions for This Week

MONDAY - JULY 31
Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Mt 13:31-35
11:00 am Joseph Salipante - Peggy & Jim Brady
5:15 pm Donald Corletta - Norma

TUESDAY - AUGUST 1
Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Mt 13:36-43
6:45 am Larry Coan - The Coan Family
11:00 am SJP - Birthday Friends

WEDNESDAY - AUGUST 2
Ex 34:29-35/Mt 13:44-46
10:00 am Mass at the Highlands Living Center for the People of the Parish
11:00 am William Kane - Mary-Ellen & Family
5:15 pm Larry Coan - The Smerbeck Family

THURSDAY - AUGUST 3
Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Mt 13:47-53
6:45 am Hy Goldman - VFW Post 16
11:00 am William Jessen - Family

FIRST FRIDAY - AUGUST 4
Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/
Mt 13:54-58
11:00 am Fr. Ray Booth - Booth Family
1:00 pm Mass at the Highlands Laurelwood for the Residents & Staff
5:15 pm Caroline Harber - Nancy & Wayne Harber

SATURDAY - AUGUST 5
Lv 25:1, 8-17/Mt 14:1-12
9:00 am Donald Corletta - Norma
4:30 pm Frank & Jill Reichenbach - Family

SUNDAY - AUGUST 6
The Transfiguration of the Lord
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9
7:30 am Greg Barr - Art & Nancy Roberts
9:00 am Thomas M. & Shirley F. Heagerty - Joan Shephard
11:15 am Nelly & Patrick O’Connor - Sons & Grandchildren
5:00 pm Matthew Jon Hester - His Family

Special Intentions
We invite you to have a Sanctuary Lamp lit at the Blessed Sacrament to have your very special intentions remembered for a week. To reserve a candle, please call or visit the Ministry Center. The Thursday Holy Hour Ministry will offer special prayers for your intention.

One lamp will burn
In Memory of Margaret F. O’Neil by Family.

One Lamp will burn
In Memory of Harry Midgley by Peggy.

One Lamp will burn In Memory of Dr. William J. O’Neil by Family.

Eucharistic Adoration
All are welcome to spend an hour this Friday, August 4, for First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament between 11:30 am - 1:30 pm.
Join us at the Tabernacle Chapel.

Requiem Aeternam
All Deceased Parishioners

Saturday & Sunday, August 5 & 6

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Sunday Communion Service - August 6
The Highlands - Diane Salipante Heather Heights - Richard Caruso
THE SEED OF THE WORD

What Would You Ask For?

Solomon was somewhere between 12 & 14 years old when he inherited the throne from his father, King David. So the prayer the author of Kings (the Deuteronomist) puts on his lips is not the prayer of a wise and seasoned man, it is the youthful idealism of a teen: he wants to be the best ruler he can for his people, his focus is on knowing and doing what is right, and he knows that requires wisdom. Wisdom is for him a pearl of great price. Unfortunately, with age, while wise in worldly ways, Solomon lost his devotion to God. He became far more self-absorbed, corrupted by power, and led the nation astray. Do we appreciate the merits of youthful idealism that the Deuteronomist highlights here? Look for some of that treasure in our young people, and let them know what an inspiration it can be! Remember too, every one of us have people we are responsible for; like Solomon, we can pray for the wisdom and understanding we need on their behalf. Can’t think of anyone you are responsible for? Consider your fellow parishioners!

On the Way

Last week and the week before, through the letter to the Romans, St. Paul taught us about human limitation. He spoke of human sufferings, a creation subject to futility, our groaning toward redemption. We don’t even know how to pray as we ought! Remember too, every one of us have people we are responsible for; like Solomon, we can pray for the wisdom and understanding we need on their behalf. Can’t think of anyone you are responsible for? Consider your fellow parishioners!

Hold Nothing Back

The injunction to total commitment appears often in the Scriptures, Old Testament and New. The parable of the treasure in the field and of the pearl of great price reaffirm this wisdom. Being 50%, even 75% committed to the Lord Jesus, and to our faith just won’t work. Yet don’t see the treasure in the field as the only treasure in the first parable. Notice the great joy of the person who found the treasure. The joy of the Gospel is truly a treasure indeed!

Preparing for Next Weekend:
The Transfiguration of the Lord

1st Reading: Daniel 7:9 – 10, 13 – 14
His kingship shall not be destroyed
2nd Reading: 2 Peter 1:16 – 19
This is my Son, my beloved
Gospel: Matthew 17:1 – 9
Rise, and do not be afraid

Recycling the Bulletin

Did you know that the parish bulletin could serve as an invitation? Once you’ve read it, consider giving the bulletin to a friend, along with an invite. ’We would love to have you join us at St. Louis one of these weekends. Here is a bulletin, for a flavor of the place, and with the various Mass times. Seriously, I think you would be surprised at what you experience if you join us some Saturday evening or Sunday.’

Baby Blessing August 6
at 9:00 A.M. Mass

Have you had a baby baptized within the past year or so? We would like to continue the celebration of life and joy with a blessing on Sunday, August 6 at the 9:00 A.M. Mass. We will have a special blessing for families as well as a reception and handmade gift for your child. Please join us as we seek to give meaning to the words, “The Christian Community welcomes you with great joy!”
Thank you for joining us for Mass today, and for your financial support of all of the ministries that make St. Louis such a great place to call our spiritual home! Echoing St. Paul’s words to the Philippians: “I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel…”” Phil. 1:3

I CAN *DO* THAT!
Do you know anyone who has been away from church for quite a while, or anyone who doesn’t have a parish home? With people traveling, vacationing and such, there is plenty of room here at St. Louis at each of our Masses during the summer. Invite that person who has been away, or who doesn’t have a church home – let them know summer is:

- a great time to try out coming back to church,
- a great time to try out our parish,
- a great time to taste what our Catholic church has to offer.

We believe, we belong, we invite others to join us for Holy Mass!

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**OUR GIFT TO GOD LAST WEEKEND**

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**THIS WEEK’S TITHING WILL SUPPORT**

**ST. JOSEPH’S NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER**

**NEXT WEEK’S TITHING WILL SUPPORT**

**ROCHESTER AREA INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK (RAIHN)**

Rochester Area Interfaith Hospitality Network (RAIHN) an affiliate of Family Promise, is a not-for-profit, interfaith, culturally-competent organization that assists homeless families to achieve sustainable independence by supporting them with tailored services including shelter, food, personalized case management, and a diverse network of caring volunteers. Rochester is the 2nd poorest city in the United States with more than 600 homeless individuals each night in Rochester and its suburbs, including 100 families with children.

The St. Louis faith community has been a supporting congregation since RAIHN’S inception more than a decade ago. The mission of RAIHN Homeless Ministry is to help families get back on their feet into a stable home and job. Parishioner Ann-Marie DeSantis coordinates the RAIHN Homeless Ministry for St. Louis with the help of about 20 dedicated volunteers. Our hosting location is the Mary Magdeline House in East Rochester, where we provide private and public space for families, safe overnight accommodations, home-cooked meals, and gracious hospitality for up to 15 families a week at a time, 3 times a year.

**RAIHN has numerous volunteer opportunities** ranging from greeting guests at a host location, cook or provide part of a meal, plan a children’s activity, shop for breakfast food and supplies, inflate/deflate air mattresses, drive the RAIHN van (no special license needed), maintenance, fundraising, guest mentor, office staff and much more! If you can share some of your time, please call our **St. Louis RAIHN coordinator, parishioner Ann-Marie DeSantis at 406-6013 or email amdesantis@frontiernet.net**. More information about RAIHN (and upcoming events) can be found at [www.raihn.org](http://www.raihn.org).

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Dear Gardeners:

It would be wonderful to have fresh garden produce during the summer at Sister M. Regis Food Cupboard. We are located at 316 Bay St., a very poor section of the city of Rochester. If you are a gardener and will have extra produce this summer, could you share a little with us? If so please call Sr. Julia at 585-454-6766 or 585-500-8095. Gratefully, Sister Julia Norton
Youth Leadership Council

We’re still accepting applications for Youth Leadership Council.

- Must be in at least 7th Grade (as of 9/17)
- Must be a parishioner of St. Louis Church

Contact Leila Kaczmarek (Leila.kaczmarek@dor.org) for more details!

The Church needs you. Your enthusiasm. Your creativity and the joy that is so characteristic of you.

~ Pope Francis

Summer Road Trip

The best journey is the journey of faith!

- Where are you?
- Where are you headed?
- What is the path like?
- Could you use some directions? gas in the tank?

Let these great Catholic resources on FORMED.org map out your spiritual road trip this summer!

The ECHO series is a video-based study of the United States Catholic Catechism of Adults (USCCA). These short and engaging videos introduce each chapter of the USCCA and provide an inspiring start to personal or group study of our rich Catholic Faith.

Using modern media can either hinder our ability to discern God’s voice in the silence of the heart, or it can be a tool for learning and evangelization. This study gives us practical tools to live vibrant Christian lives in a media-saturated culture.

Find both of these resources under the tab “Study” on FORMED.org. To register for these FREE resources, go to FORMED.org and use the parish code: KMFHWV. Contact Kathryn McAlarney for help or more suggestions. KMcAlarney@dor.org, 586-5675, ext. 224.
Saint’s Place extends a BIG “thank you” to all the people who, again this year, made our sale so successful. We reached our ambitious goal of $100,000 and we far exceeded the spirit of cooperation and teamwork, which is involved in a fundraiser! We had an amazing group of dedicated volunteers.

We raised enough money to purchase over 500 beds and frames and other essential items for the refugees. The newly arriving refugees to Rochester will sleep from their first night on a new bed with a new pillow and clean bedding. This is something we take for granted, but it is so important for them to feel welcomed and part of our community.

Often organizations lament that too few people actually get involved. Nothing could be further from the truth during the Saint’s Place Annual Super Sale. Day One, over 100 volunteers reported to help. Volunteers of all ages, from all walks of life, from all religions willingly worked and used their creativity to unpack, organize and display the thousands and thousands of items. It was a remarkable three weeks. “The Holy Spirit in action” and “people at their best’ are just a few ways to describe the event.

Thank you to the volunteers, who spent innumerable hours moving, lifting, setting up, pricing, organizing, reorganizing, helping customers and finally cleaning up. You are the heart and the soul of Saint’s Place; you keep giving, extending hands of friendship to all. It was great to see so many dedicated, hard-working people motivated for the sole reason of welcoming refugees to our community. “I was a stranger and you welcomed me” Matthew 25:35.
Another HUGE Thank You

Donors: That helped us to be known as the “premiere church sale.”

Local establishments: For their generous donations:

- Coal Tower
- Pontillo’s – Pittsford
- DiBella’s
- Zweigle’s
- Starbucks
- Village Bakery & Cafe
- Wegmans
- Costco
- Nolan’s Rental, Inc.
- Panther Pit
- Dunkin’ Donuts Pittsford

Schools, Churches, Organizations:

- Knights of Columbus from St. Louis Church
- Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints
- Students from MAC (Making A Connection) for refugee youth 16-21 years old who are not enrolled in High School. Program assimilates these Refugees into the American culture, including community service, giving them life skills that would lead to self-sufficiency.
- Pittsford Rotary
- High School Students (Fairport, McQuaid, Mercy, Sutherland, Brighton, Greece Athena and the Rochester International Academy)
- College Students (Bonaventure, Holy Cross, SUNY at Geneseo)
- Youth groups from St. Louis Church and St. John of Rochester
- Scores of parishioners from St. Louis & St. John’s
- Bishop Matano – Fr. Bob Ring, Fr. Peter Clifford & Fr. Juan Benitez
- St. Louis Operations Team
- And all our enthusiastic Shoppers & Purchasers!

Saying thank you just is not enough; please know that you truly make a difference in the lives of some very brave and grateful refugees. God Bless you all.

Isabel Miller and Michele Quinn

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CLOSE TO HOME AND HEART
Ascension Garden Cemetery
Open Houses for Eastside Catholic Churches

Please join us on the following Wednesdays: August 2nd, 16th and 30th from 9:00 am to 1:00pm.

Shaped by rich history and Catholic tradition, Ascension Garden Cemetery offers the faithful a peaceful, reflective and prayerful setting that is close to home to celebrate life and the memories of your loved ones.

Please RSVP for tour and refreshments. Special pricing is available until September 30, 2017.

1900 Pinnacle Road (at Ward Hill & Williams Roads) Henrietta, New York 14467
Telephone: (585) 697-1122
Email: events@holysepulchre.org

POETRY READING: “BLESSED IS SHE WHO BELIEVED”
Award-winning poet and frequent contributor to MAGNIFICAT, Rita A. Simmonds will offer a poetry reading to honor the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary whose simplicity, faith and faithfulness have shaped the way Rita sees and responds to the words of the Gospel and the circumstances of her daily life.

Presented by the Evangelization Team at St. Louis Church, 64 South Main Street, Pittsford, Tuesday, August 15, 2017 7:00 pm, Parish Meeting Hall

The reading will be followed by a reception where Rita’s books can be purchased and signed. Donations accepted but not required.

About the Author: Rita A. Simmonds was born in Rochester, New York. She received her BA from Hofstra University and her MA from Teachers College, Columbia University. For several years, she worked for the City University of New York, teaching English as a Second Language. Simmonds is a three-time winner of the Best Original Poetry category at the annual Catholic Press Association Awards, as well as a winner of numerous second and third place CPA awards. Several of her poems were featured in the bestselling Magnificat Year of Faith Companion, and the Magnificat Year of Mercy Companion. She has published three books of poetry: Souls and the City, Bitterness and Sweet Love, and Greeting the Seasons. Simmonds lives in Brooklyn, New York with her two sons. For more information, contact Kathryn at 586-5675, ext. 224 OR Kathryn.McAlarney@dor.org.
The Art of Dying

Ars Moriendi (The Art of Dying) vs. Euthanasia:
A Catholic Understanding of Compassion, Suffering and Death and The Current Euthanasia Debate

Presented by Peter J. Colosi, PhD

Thursday, August 3, 2017 7:00pm — 8:30pm
(Talk and q&a)
Light refreshments and fellowship following
St. John of Rochester Parish
8 Wickford Way, Fairport, NY 14450

In the Catholic Tradition there are various ways to explain why euthanasia is immoral and should not be legalized. The rich, beautiful and largely forgotten Catholic tradition of Ars Moriendi (the art of dying) will be presented as a way to show that the Catholic view is loving and compassionate towards the vulnerable, whereas the pro-euthanasia view - while perhaps well-intended - is the opposite of compassionate. These topics will also be covered:

- Definitions of technical terms
- The strongest arguments for and against euthanasia
- End of life documents and Catholic teaching
- Artificial nutrition and hydration
- How Catholics can contribute to the common good on this issue

Peter J. Colosi, PhD, is a native of Fairport, and a parishioner at St. John of Rochester from childhood. He is assistant professor of philosophy at Salve Regina University in Newport, RI. From 2009-2015 he was assistant/associate professor of moral theology at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Wynnewood, PA. From 1999–2007 he was instructor/assistant professor of philosophy for Franciscan University of Steubenville at their program in Gaming, Austria. He earned his BS in mathematics from Franciscan University, an MA in Franciscan Studies from St. Bonaventure University, and his MPhil and PhD from the International Academy of Philosophy in the Principality of Liechtenstein.

His website is: www.peterjcolosi.com

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